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1. Tetovo Airport - The construction of a large airport was recently completed in southern Serbia. It is called the Tetovo airport, and might be considered the most modern in the whole Balkan peninsula. It is provided with a concrete runway 2,500 meters long and 150 meters wide, and has modern installations. The airfield is located eight kilometers from Tetovo, on the left-hand side of the road leading from Tetovo to Bitolj. The construction of this airport was carried out upon request of the Soviet authorities and under the supervision of Soviet experts. About 230 new type fighters and medium bombers of Soviet make, are currently deployed at the airport.
2. Vrbasko Airport - A modern airport was built during 1947 in the neighborhood of the town of Vrbasko, on the bank of the Kupa River. This airfield differs from others in having an elliptical shaped concrete runway located in the center of the field for use in launching "V-2" rocket missiles. The plans for this runway were prepared by German POW engineers. A building, used for the storage of rocket missiles, has been built in the immediate vicinity of the airport. This depot is kept under strict surveillance, and no person is admitted within the building without a special permit. A railroad line has also been built up to the buildings and storage depots of the airport; no outsider is able to see what is being unloaded from the railroad cars.

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